

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 138

To amend the Act commonly referred to as the “Johnson Act” to limit the authority of States to regulate gambling devices on vessels.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF STATES TO**
4 **REGULATE GAMBLING DEVICES ON VESSELS.**

5 Subsection (b)(2) of section 5 of the Act of January
6 2, 1951 (commonly referred to as the “Johnson Act”) (64
7 Stat. 1135, chapter 1194; 15 U.S.C. 1175), is amended
8 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

1 “(C) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN VOYAGES
2 AND SEGMENTS.—Except for a voyage or seg-
3 ment of a voyage that occurs within the bound-
4 aries of the State of Hawaii, a voyage or seg-
5 ment of a voyage is not described in subpara-
6 graph (B) if such voyage or segment includes or
7 consists of a segment—

8 “(i) that begins and ends in the same
9 State;

10 “(ii) that is part of a voyage to an-
11 other State or to a foreign country; and

12 “(iii) in which the vessel reaches the
13 other State or foreign country within 3
14 days after leaving the State in which such
15 segment begins.”.

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